



19th March 2020

Good morning to all our families,

Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils

I am sure most of you are aware that **we have now been instructed to close the school to almost all children after this Friday until further notice.**

As advised by the government, we will do all we can to stay open for the children of key workers (e.g. NHS staff, police, others in frontline services) and children with certain needs (e.g. those with a social worker and those with Education, Health and Care Plans).

We are waiting for the government to publish more information on what this means, but it would help us in the meantime if you could let us know if you think your child may fall into one of these categories. If this is the case please email (headteacher@marstonmontgomery.derbyshire.sch.uk) or telephone me today with your child's name, information on the category you fall into and days of attendance if you will need to continue to send your child(ren) to school. This morning I will be at MMPS on 01889 590373, this afternoon I will be at LLPS on 01332824339. We will be in touch again tomorrow when we know who this does apply to with information for next week.

All other children will need to stay at home, so we ask that you do not send your child into school from Monday onwards.

Please note that this is a national closure – as you may have heard in the news – so while it is a challenging situation, we are not alone. We'll re-open fully as soon as we can and will let you know when this is by emailing and texting you. During the time that we are closed we will continue to stay in touch with you as much as we can through email. We are still here and will still act to help the safety and well-being of all members of our community during this difficult time. If you need support please do not hesitate to contact me. I will endeavor to provide support from the resources we have within our schools, by signposting you to available support or contacting other agencies.

What we'll continue doing while your child is at home

Your child's learning is of course important to us, so we'll continue to help your child to learn while we are closed. Today you will be receiving a pack of work with a letter detailing how to use this pack and how teachers will support you whilst the children are at home.

If you and your family are self-isolating we will either post the pack of work to you or arrange for it to be dropped off at your house.

If your child usually receives free school meals we will also be in touch with more information about how we will continue to provide this, with support from a scheme that the government has announced.



This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued patience as we deal with this ever-changing situation. We understand that this latest news will have an impact on you and your family and it's far from ideal, but we'll continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops.

If you want to get in touch to share any concerns, please don't hesitate to do so by emailing me on the address given above.

And remember: if you or your child feels ill and you want to know what to do next, please use [NHS 111 online](#).

Thank you again for your continued support, and we will be in touch with more information when we can.

Please take care and stay safe
Best wishes

Teresa Bosley
Head Teacher